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My name is Michelle Foley. This is my testimony in support of the bill SB783. I have been in property management for 14 years mostly in the Ann Arbor area.

At my current community of Mill Creek Townhomes, I have had 2 occurrences of residents using their basements to grow marijuana. The first resident who was growing medicinal marijuana, I had to non-renew their lease. After the resident vacated the pungent odor was very difficult to remove from the townhome. We had to replace the carpeting throughout and we rented a commercial size ozone machine for 5 days. The odor was still present so we had to have the ducts cleaned. This was at a cost of \$280.00. There was also lost rent on the unit of approximately \$1900.00 due to not being able to rent the unit with the odor still in it. The rental of the ozone machine and duct cleaning are things that we never have to do when turning an apartment.

I have a current resident that I am in the process of not renewing their lease due to the growing of medicinal marijuana. This townhome has an odor that permeates to the outside of the townhome and also in the adjoining neighbors townhomes. I have received several complaints regarding the odor. I am also anticipating that we will have to take additional measures to dissipate the odor in order to be able to turn it and make it habitable for the next resident.

As a landlord, I would like to be able to make the decision to allow or not allow an individual to grow or smoke medicinal marijuana and to ensure the health, safety and welfare of my current residents.